

Amend claim 52 as follows:

2952. (Amended) A cellular shade structure comprising:

a. a front surface; and

b. a rear surface, at least one of said front and rear surfaces including a plurality of tabs extending outwardly from said at least one of said front and rear surfaces, each of said tabs comprising an upper layer of material, an intermediate layer of material and a lower layer of material.

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 2, 2000. A request for a one month extension of time is enclosed.

By this amendment applicants have corrected the reference number on page 9 of the specification and amended claim 31 as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 21 through 24 under Section 112 is overcome and these claims are now allowable.

Applicants also cancelled the non-elected claims, 1 through 19, and cancelled claims 48 through 51.

Claims 45, 46 and 47 are directed to a window covering having a front sheet, a back sheet and vanes between them, wherein the front sheet, the back sheet or both sheets are a striated fabric. The Examiner said claim 46 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, but rejected claims 45 and 47 under Section 102 citing United States Patent No. 5,490,553 to Colson. However, Colson does not teach or suggest use of a striate fabric in window coverings. At Col. 12, lines 41-42, and Col. 14, lines 29-30, Colson says that the fabric sheet in his window coverings is preferably made of a transparent or translucent material such as sheer fabric.